

involvement in state and local politics, including serving as Precinct Chair and D15 Caucus Chair. He was later recognized as Precinct Official of the Year in 2004 and in 2018 was inducted into the Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame.

In 2003, in what has become his enduring legacy, Tufail co-established the Montgomery County Muslim Council where he spearheaded efforts to boost civic engagement in the Muslim community. He also co-founded the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation, an organization that aspires to a hunger-free and hate-free society for all people, regardless of their faith, race or gender. Under Tufail's determined leadership, the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation became one of the largest nonprofit charitable foundations in Montgomery County.

Tufail devoted his life to providing for, and sharing with, all of our people. His unshakable commitment to improving the lives of his friends, family, neighbors, and community embodies true American patriotism.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the remarkable life and wonderful legacy of my constituent, Tufail Ahmad.

REMEMBERING MR. WELTON M.
HOLMAN

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Mr. Welton M. Holman, a well-known educator and student motivator of Monroe, Louisiana who entered the gates of heaven on January 24, 2022.

Born in Monroe, Louisiana in 1946, Mr. Holman attended Richwood High School and was known as an outstanding football player. He attended Southern University in Baton Rouge on a full football scholarship and in 1971, he graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree—launching his lifelong journey of youth mentorship and coaching.

Mr. Holman taught and coached in Moorehouse Parish, Union Parish, and Claiborne Parish before coming home to the Monroe City School System at Carroll High School, where he spent most of his career teaching and coaching football.

To further his education before retirement, he also attended Grambling State University and Louisiana Tech University where he received his Masters of Science Degree.

Even when he was technically retired, he continued his passion as a substitute teacher until he passed away.

Whether they were on his team or not, most people called him “Coach.”

Over the years, Mr. Holman mentored many students, engaging them with his personality and positive spirit.

He appeared in theatrical performances, volunteered for community clean-ups, and was famous for his pep rally rendition of “Members Only.”

Coach's dream was to inspire and support young people, and he undoubtedly has

achieved this dream and has made a lasting difference on his community.

My deepest prayers are with Mr. Holman's family, friends, students, and loved ones in this difficult time, especially his stepdaughter, my dear friend Louisiana State Senator Katrina Jackson.

May you find comfort in scripture that reads, “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).

May they continue to live his dream as they cherish so many beautiful memories they had with him, and may Welton “Coach” Holman rest in heavenly peace.

RECOGNIZING PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS ZACHARY W. RIFFLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in great sorrow. On January 19, 2022, Private First Class (PFC) Zachary W. Riffle, from Kingwood, West Virginia, tragically passed away as a result of a tactical vehicular rollover in Onslow County, North Carolina. PFC Riffle was stationed in my Congressional district at Camp Lejeune and was a Landing Support Specialist with Combat Logistics Battalion 24, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group.

PFC Riffle began his active duty in March of 2021. Since then, PFC Riffle's assignments include being stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina; School of Infantry-East at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools.

PFC Riffle graduated from Preston High School, West Virginia where he played football and wrestled. His service to our country can best be shown by his decision to forgo his senior wrestling season to graduate early and become a Marine as soon as possible. In addition, PFC Riffle's selfless commitment to our nation can be shown by his attainment of the National Defense and Global War on Terrorism Service Medals. His duty and commitment to our country will never be forgotten and I am forever grateful for all that he accomplished and for his service to our beloved country.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in remembering this patriot and recognizing all the sacrifices that he made for our beloved country.

HONORING BARBARA PEARCE AND
JOE MOONEY FOR THEIR OUT-
STANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO
CONNECTICUT HOSPICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, nestled along the shore in Branford, Connecticut lies

Connecticut Hospice, an organization founded in 1974 by Florence Wald, then an Associate Professor and Dean of the Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing Program at Yale University, and dedicated to delivering coordinated, comprehensive and compassionate care to people with terminal illnesses and their families.

Connecticut Hospice was the first such organization of its kind in our nation and over the years, has cared for thousands of patients and provided comfort to them and their loved ones in their final days, becoming a national model of care and inspiring thousands of similar programs in other communities. Indeed, it was at Connecticut Hospice that I spent the last weeks with my mother, Luisa.

Just a few years ago, Connecticut Hospice was facing some difficult challenges and found itself in need of an organizational shake-up. That is when Barbara Pearce and Joe Mooney stepped up and became an integral part of Connecticut Hospice reaching a new bar of care and standard of service. Barbara took on the role of Chief Executive Officer and Joe the dual responsibilities of Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

Barbara Pearce, an active community leader and philanthropist, has dedicated countless years of service to a number of organizations as a board member or advisor. When she learned of the troubles at Connecticut Hospice, she decided to take on an enormous task. In her own words, Connecticut Hospice “is the mothership. We are the one that people look to and visit from around the country and around the world to see how cutting-edge, end-of-life care is delivered.” For that reason, “it is not enough to give good care.” As staff and volunteers will attest, Barbara was straightforward about the tough decisions that needed to be made. And anyone who knows Barbara will tell you, once she is focused on a goal, she is a force of nature.

Recently retired from state service as a Deputy Commissioner at the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services and with over forty years of experience as a financial executive in both the government and private sector, Joe Mooney was just the person Connecticut Hospice needed to step in as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer. With his background, Joe was in a unique position to utilize his talents and expertise to not only right the ship but ensure its solid foundation for the future.

Since its inception, Connecticut Hospice has always been a leader in caring for the terminally ill and their families. Under the careful direction of Barbara and Joe, the organization has navigated many challenges and obstacles, including the Covid-19 pandemic. Though they both originally planned for their intervention to be brief, they have chosen to stay on. It is their vision and leadership that will ensure Connecticut Hospice can continue in its mission to provide the very best of comfort and care to the terminally ill and their loved ones in the most vulnerable of times. It is a gift we are all beyond grateful to them to have preserved. It is my honor to join the staff, volunteers and families of Connecticut Hospice in extending my deepest thanks and appreciation to Barbara Pearce and Joe Mooney for their outstanding efforts on behalf of this very special organization. I look forward to continuing our work together.